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Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 3:48 PM
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Dear Administrator McCarthy:

Water is our most valuable and amazingly *undervalued* resource. While the top concern for many politicians is economic growth, economic growth must not come at the expense of our essential water supplies and integral natural environment; nor at the expense of our children.

With water issues at the forefront, we the citizens of Cochise County, AZ ~~URGENTLY~~ need your help in halting Benson, Arizona's grossly irresponsible El Dorado Benson, LLC "Villages at Vigneto" development. This is a TIME SENSITIVE issue, as El Dorado and the City of Benson are already moving forward, despite the Army Corps of Engineers reevaluation of the permit.

In 2004 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officially OBJECTED to the Army Corps of Engineers' issuance of the 404 permit for this land "...because the authorization may result in substantial and unacceptable impacts to aquatic resources of national importance."

This shortsighted, economy-focused, development promises to take the town's population from ~5,000 to ~70,000 within 20 years, and does not properly consider this desert landscape's limited water resources and its relationship with the fragile and nationally-significant San Pedro River corridor.

Please read the important points on pages 2 and 3 of this Tucson Audubon Action alert PDF http://www.tucsonaudubon.org/images/stories/conservation/2015_5_30_TAS-CAA_Vigneto_Final.pdf and please use every influence the EPA can muster to revoke the Section 404 permit for Villages at Vigneto.

Sincerely,

Lizann Michaud

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